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By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**
(By Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources - Forest or Park Wardens - Term**

3 FOR the purpose of eliminating the requirement that a person commissioned by the
4 Secretary of Natural Resources to act as a forest or park warden may serve only
5 a certain term; and generally relating to the term and duties of a forest or park
6 warden.

7 BY repealing an reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Natural Resources
9 Section 5-206(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Natural Resources**

15 5-206.

16 (a) The Secretary may commission any person to act as a forest or park
17 warden [for a term of two years], subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of
18 the Secretary. While holding office, a warden has and may exercise the authority and
19 power of a Natural Resources police officer or a law enforcement officer as provided in
20 his commission so far as arresting and prosecuting persons for violations of any forest
21 or park laws or of the laws, rules and regulations enacted for the protection of the
22 State forestry reservations, State parks, historic monuments, recreation areas, or for
23 the protection of fish and game.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2004.